

colonel and seventeen boys enlisted from our congregation. The church roll was called at the morning service.

Baton Rouge, Colored Work: We dedicated our little new mission chapel in Baton Rouge on Sunday, June 16th, known as the Lake Shore Mission, established and carried on by the pastor and members of the Westminster church on the south side of the city. This little work was begun just two years ago and the pastor and members of the First church had to come to the rescue of the little work with financial aid to help us secure a building sufficiently large to house the great mass of children who pour into our mission every Sunday afternoon for instruction. Our resources have been exhausted, and our building is still incomplete. We could do more if we had the means.

J. W. Lee, Pastor.

MARYLAND.

Baltimore, Franklin Street: Rev. Dr. Harris E. Kirk, the pastor of this church, will spend a part of his vacation lecturing at Northfield Conferences. He will also supply the Fifth Avenue church in New York several Sundays. During the two months of his absence Rev. Dr. Theron H. Rice, of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., will supply the pulpit. This will be the fifth consecutive summer when Dr. Rice has preached for this church.

MISSISSIPPI.

Union Church: For more than ten weeks a daily prayer meeting has been held by a few of our women with an average attendance of about five, though fourteen were present one afternoon. We pray specially for peace, for the soldiers, both friends and foes, for a world-wide revival, for the Jews and for the speedy coming of the Prince of Peace. Such a prayer band in every church would open the windows of heaven and bring down not showers, but floods upon the dry ground. Will you not organize one?

MISSOURI.

Potosi Presbytery: At a special meeting of this Presbytery held in Jackson, Mo., July 5, 1918, Rev. Fred W. Matthews was granted a certificate of dismission and recommendation to the Presbytery of Pine Bluff, that he might take charge of the Presbyterian church at Warren, Arkansas.

George W. Harlan, S. C.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Wilmington, First Church: Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, D. D., the pastor of this church, has given notice to his congregation that after January 1, 1919, he expects to engage in war work. His desire is that he may secure a leave of absence in order to work in France, but if the church does not agree to granting a furlough he will offer his resignation as pastor. He has been pastor of this strong and aggressive church for fourteen years, and he has done very efficient work in his responsible position. Dr. Wells is the moderator of our General Assembly.

Pineville: At the close of the service in this church on July 7th, two sisters were received into membership on examination and baptism. Rev. George F. Robertson is stated supply of this church.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Columbia, First Church: At 12 o'clock each day the church bell rings to call the people to private prayer for the nation and the world. The war work of the church is under the direction of Mrs. E. S. Currie, a recent graduate of the Assembly's Train-

ing School at Richmond. The Saturday evening socials continue to please large numbers of army folk and civilians. The Soldiers' Room in the manse is open every day, and the people are anxious to serve the soldiers. Liberty Bonds to the amount of \$2,000 have been purchased by the deacons, and will be used to liquidate the debt on the church, due in 1920.

Lancaster: Rev. H. R. Murchison, the pastor of this church, has been selected by the State Council of Defense as its field agent to lead a health educational campaign in the State. He will have a number of assistants in every county and many speakers will be sent out to address the people. The speakers and leaders will meet in Columbia on August 1st for conference. The object of this campaign is set forth in a letter, which has been sent out by Mr. Murchison. He says: "We are going to endeavor to instruct all the people in the State on the following subjects:

"Child welfare, venereal diseases, fly-borne diseases (typhoid and dysentery), mosquito-borne disease (malaria), hookworm, tuberculosis.

"I believe there is no greater work which the Council of Defense can do than to arouse the public conscience to the necessity of safeguarding our people against preventable diseases and giving the child a fair chance to grow up. He will attempt to show that in addition to the all-important humanitarian viewpoint, it will be dollars and cents to employ every feasible means to protect public health and to instruct each individual as to how to protect his own health."

Clio: As a partial result of a meeting conducted by Rev. W. H. Miley, D. D., Superintendent of Assembly's Evangelism, eight were received on profession of faith, four of whom were baptized. The gospel was preached in all of its beauty and power. There were many reconsecrations, and we are persuaded the good done will be lasting.

C. G. Brown, Pastor.

TENNESSEE.

Dyersburg: Rev. W. W. Powers, pastor of this church, is going into war work. He is just leaving for France, where he will be engaged in Y. M. C. A. work. His address will be 12 Rue d'Aguesseau, Paris.

TEXAS.

The Presbytery of Dallas met in called session in the First Presbyterian church, Dallas, June 28, 1918.

The church at Lancaster was granted permission to engage Licentiate Holmes G. Anderson, son of Dr. William M. Anderson, as stated supply until next meeting of the Presbytery.

Pastoral relations between the Rev. E. H. Moseley and the Denton Street Presbyterian church, Gainesville, and that between the Rev. William Fred Galbraith and the Oak Cliff church, Dallas, were dissolved. Rev. Mr. Moseley has accepted a call to Madill, Oklahoma, and Rev. Mr. Galbraith goes to the First Presbyterian church, Texarkana, Texas.

The Rev. J. G. Varner, pastor of the First church, Denton, was elected stated clerk and treasurer, succeeding Rev. William Fred Galbraith, resigned owing to leaving the bounds of the Presbytery.

Rev. Herbert S. Springall, Ennis, Texas, was elected trustee in the place of Mr. Galbraith.

Rev. W. M. Walsh, D. D., pastor Grand Avenue church, Sherman, was elected chairman of the Permanent Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, succeeding Rev. Mr. Moseley.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Winchester Presbytery calls upon its Sunday-school workers in District A of the Presbytery to meet for an institute in the church at Keyser, W. Va., beginning Thursday, July 18th, at 2 P. M., and closing the next day at 12 M. The pastor and two delegates are expected from each school.

Keyser: Rev. A. N. Perryman, the pastor of this church, has declined the call recently given him by the Windsor Avenue church of Bristol, Tenn., and will remain here.

CHARGE OF ADDRESS.

Rev. Cary R. Blain, from Pineville, Ky., Naval Base Hospital, Unit No. 3, care Postmaster, New York. He is going to France as a chaplain.

BARIUM SPRINGS ORPHANAGE.

I wish to say to pastors and sessions of the Synod of North Carolina that our Support Fund is exhausted at present. There has not been the response to the appeal which I recently made through the papers that I hoped to receive. To be perfectly frank with you, we are out of funds, and greatly need as much as one-fourth of the annual apportionment from the churches of the Synod in order to meet our obligations and to provide the present needs in the Home. May I not ask that you give this matter your prompt attention, and let me have as much as one-fourth of the annual apportionment due by the people of your charge.

Please help me to replenish our depleted treasury. I assure you that the need is imperative.

Please see that any funds on hand for the Orphanage in any department of the Church shall be placed in my hands as quickly as possible. All of the friends of the Home are earnestly urged to note the fact stated above and to lend substantial aid.

W. T. Walker,

Superintendent and Treasurer.

Barium Springs, N. C.

REV. J. ROCKWELL SMITH, D. D.

By Rev. Gaston Boyle.

Dr. J. R. Smith, who since the passing away of Dr. Stuart in China, had been the oldest missionary of the Southern Presbyterian Church, in time of service, was called to his reward in Campinas, Brazil, on the afternoon of April 9, 1918.

Dr. Smith was born in Lexington, Ky., December 29, 1846, and educated at the University of Virginia and Union Theological Seminary. He arrived in Pernambuco, Brazil, in January, 1873, and there labored for nineteen years, until in 1892 he was forced by ill health to leave the tropics and come South.

For a large part of that time he was alone in Pernambuco, and was used of God in spreading the gospel news over a wide section of the north of Brazil, always with the city of Pernambuco as a center and base. He first took the gospel to a number of cities, where there are now prospering churches.

The Synod of Brazil, when it organized its seminary, elected Dr. Smith as its professor, because he had already proved by actual work his gifts in that line. In Pernambuco he had a seminary in his own house, where single-handed he trained a number of men for the ministry.

From the time of his leaving the north of Brazil to the end of his life the education of the native Brazilian ministry was his work. When he was alone in the faculty he naturally had to teach all the subjects of the curriculum. Later the native Church added a professor; then the Northern Presbyterian Church; then the

Brazilian Church another, so that at the end Dr. Smith had only the chair of Systematic Theology, in which he was in his element, the last chair that he had given up being that of Greek.

As a theologian, Dr. Smith was a Calvinist of the Calvinists, and a Presbyterian, who was often heard to say, "As I was taught by Peck and Dabney." He also drank deeply at the fount of Scottish theology, and in his orthodoxy was liberal enough to say that he was confident of finding Marcus Dods and others in the "heretics' corner" in heaven. He has been spoken of as the ablest theologian of South America.

As a professor, his task was not an easy one. It was to get Dabney and Hodge and Shedd (for he did not confine himself to one text-book), in their English as we know them, into men who often knew not a word of English before arriving at the seminary, and to teach Davis' Psychology to those who knew little English and had no college training. And he did it. His students are unanimous in saying that he was a born teacher. And what they seem to have gotten from him, no less than the great truths of salvation, a constraining influence that emanated from his person and urged them to a greater love to Christ and zeal for souls.

Dr. Smith was married in 1881 to Miss Carrie Porter, member of a family that, with many others, had refugee to Brazil from the South immediately after the Civil War. Beside her, there survived him five children: Rev. James P., in Brazil; Dr. R. Emerson, now in France; Sarah Warfield (Mrs. Boyle); Robert B., in a training camp in the South, and William K., teaching in Brazil.

Dr. Smith's funeral services were conducted by his fellow-professors, Revs. Erasmo Braga, T. J. Porter and Herculano de Gouvea, Jr., in the chapel of the seminary, a building that has become a landmark in the work of the Presbyterian Church in Brazil, as the seat of the old college, where labored for varying lengths of time Revs. Nash Morton, E. E. Lane, J. W. Dabney and John Boyle. The funeral was attended by the student body of the seminary, a large number of believers and others of Campinas, former students and friends from elsewhere, and by representatives of all the evangelical churches having work in that part of the country.

His body was borne by willing hands to the cemetery, where it was laid to rest within a few feet of the graves of Rev. Messrs. Lane, Dabney and George Thompson, with whom he awaits the call of him to whom they gave lives in willing service.

MINISTER'S DAUGHTER FILLS IMPORTANT PLACE.

An instance of the way in which the war is opening places to women that have formerly been filled only by men, is found in the appointment of Miss Margaret McCluer, as city bacteriologist of Richmond, Va.

Miss McCluer, who is the daughter of Rev. E. B. McCluer, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian church (U. S.) at Bon Air, Va., is a graduate of Sweetbrier College, Virginia, from which institution she entered John Hopkins University for graduate work.

Miss McCluer has two brothers in the army, one Lieutenant Edwin A. McCluer, Field Artillery, U. S. R., the other First Lieutenant B. B. McCluer, M. D., a surgeon in the British army.

When the Richmond city bacteriologist, a well-known physician of the Virginia capital, offered his services to his country, Miss McCluer,

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